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Must Clean Sidewalks.

The Town Council on Monday night spent much time in discussing the condition of sidewalks throughout the town. Councilman Moore, Chairman of the Sidewalk Committee, reported a number of complaints that had been made to him about the overgrowth of weeds along the sidewalks, and he told of his personal observations along Montgomery Street. Mr. Moore asked if there was an ordinance relating to the complaints.

The Ordinance book was brought out by the Clerk and an ordinance was found that required property-owners to keep the sidewalks and gutters in front of their property free from weeds and other obstructions. The ordinance provides that when property-owners fail to do this the town authorities will do it, and the cost will be a lien on the property.

The Council determined on a vigorous enforcement of the ordinance, and the Clerk was instructed to notify all property-owners against whom complaints have been made to remove the cause of complaint.

In connection with sidewalk matters Mr. Moore called attention to the laxity in enforcing the ordinance against bicycle-riding on the sidewalks. He said that he understood that a vigorous enforcement of the ordinance about two years ago proved detrimental to the popularity of a member of the police force, but that, he said, made no difference. "The ordinance was on the books and ought to be enforced," he said.

Councilman Unangst, Chairman of the Police Committee, stated that the policemen were directed to strictly enforce all the provisions of the cycling ordinance.

The dangerous condition existing in the Montgomery Street sidewalk on the north side of the street, east of the canal was another matter brought up by Mr. Moore.

The Judge at the Baby Parade

Among the thousands of spectators lined along the Asbury Park board-walk on Tuesday afternoon to witness the annual baby parade was Judge Post of this town. The Judge was fortunate in securing a grand stand position, from which he commanded an unobstructed view of the entire parade. The Judge enthused at the sight of an innumerable array of sweet and cooing cherubs, and generously bestowed compliments right and left among the throng of happy mothers surrounding him. The Judge smiled benignantly upon the first baby at the head of the procession, and continued to smile in approbation until the last carriage had passed the grand stand. The sight of the Japanese babies aroused the Judge's jingoism, and he could hardly restrain cheers for the coming Americans. The baby parade, the Judge declares, is the greatest sight he ever witnessed, and in his opinion is more ennobling and inspiring than a militia or war ship display.

Summer Festival.

The annual summer festival of the teachers of the German Theological Seminary took place Wednesday afternoon on the seminary grounds. Ladies' Aid Societies from all parts of the State were represented. Selections were rendered by the Young People's Societies of the German Presbyterian Churches throughout the county. A collection was taken amounting to $[illegible] and that sum will be turned over to the seminary. The grounds were handsomely decorated with Japanese lanterns and American flags. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry J. Weber looked after the guests.

Recognizes Responsibilities

The attitude of Bloomfield on Passaic purification, as expressed before the District Sewerage Commission, might be recommended to Paterson and other communities on the river. The town discharges its sewage into the Orange outlet sewer, which, in turn, enters the Passaic River. But Bloomfield recognizes its responsibilities, and is prepared to join with other places in the work of permanent relief. It favors the trunk sewer, because it has inquired of those who know best, and finds this plan the most feasible. It is a simple problem, if it is taken up in an honest and straightforward way.—*Sunday Call.*

BLOOMFIELD FAVORS TRUNK SEWER PLAN

At Hearing Before Passaic Valley Commission Representatives of Town Urge Cleansing of River.

WILLING TO PAY SHARE OF COST

Officials Declare that Although They Have Financial Troubles of Their Own, the Municipal Government is Anxious to Have Some Practicable, Economical Relief Measure Adopted as Soon as Possible.

Continuing their plan of hearing the views of municipal officials and citizens from the twenty cities, towns, boroughs and townships directly interested, the Passaic Valley District Sewerage Commission met this afternoon to listen to representatives of Bloomfield, Rutherford and East Rutherford at the commission's offices on the fourth floor of the Prudential building. All three places now drain their sewage into the Passaic River.

The hearing was scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock, but it [illegible] several representatives of these municipalities were present. [illegible] to any proposal of plans for [illegible] action is expected from [illegible].

President [illegible] and Commissioners [illegible] the hearing. Commissioner [illegible] expected [illegible] from Paterson, that he had [illegible] from Chairman George [illegible] of the Town Council, and Commissioner [illegible] Glass M[illegible] of the Sewer Committee, [illegible] conditions.

In exchanging views of the commission and the representatives [illegible] Lefkowitz [illegible] the Passaic River [illegible] the two [illegible] to the [illegible] work [illegible] Mr. Lefkowitz [illegible] the matter [illegible] Mr. Lefkowitz [illegible] the matter [illegible] Mr. Moore [illegible] drains [illegible] as it is [illegible].

Neither [illegible] suggestion [illegible] adopted [illegible] that a few years ago the town council had agreed to join in a trunk sewer project at that time proposed by Newark. The object of the [illegible] was cost. Mr. Moore explained [illegible] from the [illegible] which place would [illegible] under consideration [illegible] the matter could be [illegible] discussed in the county.

"Bloomfield, from its location, will, of course, have to join in any project agreeable to its neighboring municipalities," said Mr. Moore. "So far as has been made known, the most practicable project, to my mind, is that for a trunk sewer with some kind of [illegible] down the [illegible].

Plaintiff Mr. Moore continued, he had made [illegible] the sewer was carried [illegible] beds of [illegible] the sewer [illegible] plan was [illegible].

"We [illegible] Mr. Moore [illegible] who [illegible] thing the [illegible] Mr. Lefkowitz [illegible] even [illegible] that Paterson [illegible] river, [illegible] city drains [illegible] into the [illegible] Passaic and [illegible] and by [illegible].

"I know [illegible] myself," [illegible] Mr. Moore.

"And [illegible] think [illegible] ever is polluted?" [illegible] Mr. Lefkowitz.

"It doesn't take an expert to know that," retorted Mr. Moore. "Any [illegible] man will tell you that. A boat passed white, if left in the water over night, [illegible] yellow in the morning. [illegible] red turn black from the dye in the water."

Mr. Moore told of seeing the surface of the river at various points covered by floating sewage.

"The river is [illegible] and [illegible] pollated," went on the Bloomfield man. "I suppose Bloomfield [illegible] share, and we are willing [illegible] we can to save the river from further pollution, and save the health of people in the valley. We have special reasons of our own, however, and [illegible] to see the best and most economical plan proved to adopted."

The Second River and other streams, Mr. Moore said, in sewer [illegible] Child's question, were [illegible] carrying off all the storm water, and [illegible] surface water was allowed to drain into the sewers, there would be no necessity for provision being made [illegible] adopted for that drainage. He was of the impression that a trunk sewer [illegible] he was the most preferable [illegible] suggested, and personally favored the [illegible].

State Commissioner [illegible] New York Bay.

How soon the Commission [illegible] Mr. Moore [illegible].

When the hearing [illegible] Mr. Lefkowitz [illegible].

Note before [illegible] Mr. Child.

It was planned when the [illegible] men left that they would be given an opportunity for another hearing at the time Glen Ridge, Montclair and Glen Ridge are [illegible].

Garbage Collection.

In Montclair the fee for collecting garbage is one dollar per month, and twelve and one-half cents per barrel for ashes. The annual cost to householders is from $16 to $20. The work is done by a private contractor, and as a whole the work is not done satisfactorily. In East Orange the city awards a contract for garbage collection, and it costs the city about $6,000 per annum to have both ashes and garbage collected. The contractor is under bond for the performance of his duties, and subject to regulations imposed by the city officials. The East Orange system appears to work very satisfactorily. There is a striking contrast in the cost to householders in the two systems. For the inferior service that a Montclair resident pays $20 per year for, the East Orange resident pays less than $8 per year for, and gets satisfactory service. Under its present form of government Montclair has no legal power to place an appropriation in the tax levy for garbage collection, except it be construed that the ordinance-making power vests such authority in the town officials. A legal opinion to the contrary has been given.

In this town the garbage collection question has not been an important one until recently. Some sort of a private arrangement has been in vogue between a few residents and store keepers for years past, but it has not been a matter of serious official attention. But now the Board of Health has taken the matter up in earnest. Scavengers must be licensed, and they must comply with certain official regulations. The number of persons who are engaging the services of a scavenger is increasing, and the time for free and easy disposal of garbage is becoming contracted. Sanitary requirements are also becoming such as to cause people to seek the services of a scavenger. It is likely that the people here will undergo the same experience as Montclair with the private system, and it will be only a short time before an addition is made to the list of annual appropriations in order to extend a scavenger service throughout the town.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED AND USE OF RIDING OR PROPELLING MOTOR CYCLES, AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES OR MACHINES, THE SPEED AND USE OF RIDING OR PROPELLING ANY BICYCLE, TRICYCLE AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES OR MACHINES IN OR UPON ANY PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, LANE OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD.

The Council of the Town of Bloomfield in the County of Essex [illegible] as follows:

Section 1. That no person or persons shall ride or propel any bicycle, automobile or other similar vehicle or machine, or ride or propel any tricycle or other similar machine in, upon or along any public street, highway, lane or other place in the Town of Bloomfield at a rate of speed in excess of eight miles an hour and when turning a corner of any main street, highway, lane or other place, the rate of speed shall not be greater than four miles an hour.

Section 2. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine of twenty dollars for each and every offense, and in case of his or their non-payment thereof, imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days. The payment of such fine shall not be a bar to an action for damages for the injury done, but shall be in addition thereto.

Ordinance adopted August 18, 1902.

GEORGE PETERSON,
Chairman Town Council.

Attest:

WM. L. JOHNSON,
Town Clerk.

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER.

SEWER COMMITTEE CONFERS WITH STATE SEWERAGE COMMISSION.

Councilman Moore Reports Result of the Conference—State Commission's Plan Most Feasible One—Orange, Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield Officials Will Confer

At the meeting of the Town Council Wednesday night Councilman Moore of the Sewer Committee made a report relative to the conference of the members of the Sewer Committee with the State Sewerage Commission over the proposed Passaic River Valley trunk sewer. The conference between representatives from this town and the State Commission, Mr. Moore said, was only one of a series of conferences between the commissioners and representatives from the several municipalities that depend on the Passaic River as a sewerage outlet. Some of these towns, Paterson for one, Mr. Moore said, opposed the plan for a trunk sewer, and Paterson's representatives claimed that their city was not responsible for the pollution of the river. Other towns favored the trunk sewer plan, namely, Nutley and Belleville.

The Sewer Committee, Mr. Moore said, carefully avoided making any binding statements at the conference, but simply asked for information as to the plans and purposes of the State Commission. The Commission's plan of a trunk sewer, he said, looked like a feasible solution of the sewer problem, but the probable cost of the project was not known.

Further conferences would be held with the State Commissioners, Mr. Moore said, and the date of the next one would be September 17, but before that time an effort would be made to have the officials of Orange, Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield get together in conference and agree on some united plan of action, as the interests of all four places in the matter of a sewer outlet were identical, and there was no reason why they should not act together in the matter now in the hands of the State Commissioners.

The Sewer Committee expects soon to be able to make a report that will give detailed information as to the plans of the State Commissioners with respect to the Passaic River Valley trunk sewer and estimated cost of the work.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held a Busy Session on Wednesday Night—Jerome Place People Want Something Done on that Street—Finance Committee's Report—Other Matters of Public Interest.

Owing to Monday being a holiday the regular meeting of the Town Council, which should have been held on that evening, was not held until Wednesday evening. Councilman Harrison, of the Finance Committee, presented the report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of August. A note of $5,000 for town purposes was ordered issued, and a note for $400 for Morton Street sewer expenses was issued.

The Police Committee submitted the monthly report of Chief of Police Collins, showing twelve arrests in the month of August and $[illegible] collected in fines.

Tax Collector J. Howard Hardcastle was authorized to have certificates of tax sales of property recorded in the County Clerk's office.

Residents of Jerome Place petitioned the Council to take action towards opening that street. The matter was referred to the Board of Assessors for investigation. A petition was received asking for a crosswalk across Clinton Street at Washington Street. It was referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

The members of the Council held an executive meeting at the close of the open session. It is said that the street railway franchise was a topic discussed.

FAIRVIEW AROUSED.

NO OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF A SALOON LICENSE

The License Sought is for a Place in Belleville Township—Aid of the Town Council Invoked—Resolution of Protest Adopted.

The fact that the Fairview Improvement Association, once so prominent in municipal affairs had not been heard from in some time led some people to believe that the organization had passed its days of usefulness and disbanded. That such is not the case was demonstrated Wednesday night, when the association was heard from, and in a manner indicating that it is still enjoying vigorous health and still maintaining an active and lively interest in the physical and moral welfare of that part of the town which it represents.

The association is now actively engaged in a fight against a proposed saloon at the corner of Harrison and Washington Streets in Belleville township, about [illegible] feet from the Bloomfield town line. Three previous attempts have been made to get a license for a saloon there, and each one has been defeated by the vigilance and opposition of the Improvement Association.

Edwin A. Rayner, Counsel for the Fairview Improvement Association appeared before the Town Council Wednesday night and stated to the Council that the Fairview people were engaged in their annual fight against having a saloon at the proposed location, and invoked the aid of the Town Council in a protest to the Court of Common Pleas against the granting of the license. Mr. Rayner cited a number of good reasons justifying the Council's course in joining in a protest against the proposed saloon, even though it was located in another municipality, and he called attention to the fact that there was a precedent for such action for in 1899 the Town Council had taken just such action as the present body was asked to take.

Councilman Walker said he had a distinct recollection of the matter being brought before the Council at that time, but he was not certain whether the Councilmen acted upon it in an official capacity or as individuals.

Clerk Johnson produced the minute book of that year and it was found that a resolution of protest was officially inscribed on the minutes, and the clerk directed to send a certified copy of it to the court.

Mr. Rayner stated that the Belleville township officials were opposed to the saloon and would be pleased to have the cooperation of the Bloomfield officials in the matter.

Councilman Farrand said that he was familiar with the situation in relation to the proposed saloon, and he knew that the people were aroused against it for good reasons, and he believed that the Town Council should do all in its power to help them in their fight.

The Secretary of the Improvement Association addressed the Council and told of the noise and nuisance that residents of Fairview suffered on account of the presence of three saloons in the vicinity where a fourth was sought, and owing to particular circumstances connected with the place that was being opposed, it would prove a greater annoyance and nuisance than all the others. He said that the association and the people of Fairview had successfully defeated the granting of a license there for three successive years.

On motion of Councilman Moore the requested resolution was adopted, and the clerk instructed to furnish a certified copy of it to the proper parties.

URGING ACTION.

PRESIDENT EPPLEY WANTS A DECISIVE ANSWER

As to What the Town Council Intends to do with the Essex Cross Railway's Franchise Application—Blames the Franchise Committee for the Delay—Wants an Early Conference with the Council.

President Francis M. Eppley of the Essex Cross Railway Company was present at the Town Council on Wednesday night, and urged the Council to take some decisive action, one way or the other, on the company's application for a franchise, now pending before the Council. Mr. Eppley reviewed the arduous work he had been doing of late before the governing bodies of the several municipalities in which the company had franchise applications pending. The Bloomfield application, he said, was the oldest of the lot and he wanted to know whether the Council was going to pass the application or reject it.

It was a strange coincidence, said Mr. Eppley, that in several towns, Bloomfield among them, the company's application was held up by special committees for special reasons. In the case of Bloomfield, he said, there was no necessity for any further consideration of the application by a special committee. When the franchise ordinance passed first reading, as it had in this case, it was no longer the property of a special committee, but was before the Council as a Committee of the Whole, and any member of the Council was privileged to call it up for further action without waiting for a report from any special committee. Mr. Eppley said that the company had met all objections raised against it, and the railroad would prove a good thing for Bloomfield, and the people wanted it. "I gave the town of Bloomfield a good thing in the Orange Cross Town Railroad," said Mr. Eppley, "and I propose to give the town another good thing in this new road."

Mr. Eppley asked the Council to fix an early date for a conference at which the franchise could be discussed and acted upon.

In the regular order of business Councilman Moore, Chairman of the Franchise Committee, made the usual progress report on the franchise ordinance.

Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Moore if he had anything to say in response to Mr. Eppley's request for a franchise.

Mr. Moore said there was no necessity for action on that.

Mr. Eppley again repeated his request for a franchise and for decisive action.

Chairman Peterson informed Mr. Eppley that the Council desired to have a conference of its own on the subject of the franchise, and he would be officially informed as to the result of that conference.

Joint Meeting.

Councilmen Conlan and Moore of the Sewer Committee, and Chairman Peterson of the Council attended a joint meeting on Thursday night of the Sewer Committees of Orange, Montclair and Glen Ridge. The meeting was held in the Orange City Council room, and the Passaic Valley sewer was the topic of discussion. Chief Engineer Crane of Orange addressed the meeting. The general opinion was that the municipalities interested would have to be governed in their action by the State Sewerage Commission, and a motion made by Mr. Conlan of this town to the effect that each municipality be represented at the meeting of the State Commission in Newark on the 17th was adopted.

Passed Second Reading.

The City Council of Elizabeth Monday night passed on second reading an ordinance granting a franchise to the Essex Cross Street Trolley Company to operate a trolley line on Union Avenue to Morris Avenue. The company contemplates a terminus at Bloomfield, running through Vailsburg, Irvington, and East Orange. The fare from Elizabeth to Bloomfield will be ten cents, to Irvington eight cents, and to East Orange five cents. Transfers will be given to any part of the Riker Road to Plainfield, Roselle being the farthest allowed on one transfer.

President Francis M. Eppley said that he had been discouraged in trying to get franchises through the various municipalities and townships, and had often felt like giving up the scheme, but now thought the matter would forge ahead and the line be quickly built.

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